

2014 Annual Wholesale Trade Survey

Summary of Changes

The following changes were made with the release of the 2014 AWTS estimates:

Changes to Estimates

- AWTS estimates were revised to reflect historical corrections to current sample data. Corrections are made to replace previously reported data with more accurate data received at a later date or to replace imputed data with reported data obtained from the company. For more information, refer to the benchmarking section of the Annual Methodology link located below:
http://www.census.gov/wholesale/www/how_surveys_are_collected/annual_methodology.html
- AWTS estimates were revised to reflect benchmarking to final results of the 2012 Economic Census. Previously, estimates were benchmarked to preliminary results of the 2012 Economic Census. For more information, refer to the benchmarking section of the Annual Methodology link located below:
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- AWTS estimates were revised for NAICS 4247, and the corresponding aggregate totals from 2003 through the present, to reflect revisions to the 2007 Economic Census first made for the 2013 AWTS release.
- Detailed expense estimates for 2012 (Table 5.1), collected as part of the Business Expenses Supplement (BES) to the 2012 AWTS, and corresponding measures of sampling variability (Table 5.1A) were revised to reflect benchmarking to final results of the 2012 Economic Census.

Changes to Table Contents

- The contents of Table 3 have changed. Table 3 now contains all estimates of inventories previously contained in tables 3 and 7. Total inventories of U.S. merchant wholesalers (previously in table 3), as well as the data estimates for inventories held outside and inside the U.S. (previously in table 7) are now all published as part of Table 3. The percent of total domestic inventory calculations previously in table 7 have been removed.

Data Item	Type of Wholesale	Previous Table	Current Table
Total Inventories	Merchant Wholesale	3	3
	Merchant Wholesale, except manufactures' sales branch and offices	3	3
	Manufactures' sales branch and offices	3	3
Inventories Held inside and Outside the U.S.	Merchant Wholesale	7	7
	Merchant Wholesale, except manufactures' sales branch and offices	7	7
	Manufactures' sales branch and offices	7	7
Foreign and Domestic inventories as a percent of total inventories	Merchant Wholesale	7	removed
	Merchant Wholesale, except manufactures' sales branch and offices	7	removed
	Manufactures' sales branch and offices	7	removed